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SOURCE 

1. On 1 August 1950 five hangars, about 60 meters long, were seen in the south-western section of the landing field, directly beside the road. A fuel dump, about 250 meters long, extended northwest of the landing field. It was composed of 20 to 25 containers of various sizes which were about two-thirds above ground. The containers were on both sides of a concrete taxiway which was about 5 meters wide. (1) A wooden watch tower, between 10 and 12 meters high, stood on the northern edge of the landing field about 400 meters from the northwestern corner. A square platform, 3 1/2 to 4 meters wide, was on top of the tower and another the same size half way up.
2. A radar set was about 50 meters east of the wooden watch tower. It was the same type as the one seen in Lommowitz (N 52/E 84) and Falkenberg (N 52/E 74) in 1949. The number of dipoles fitted horizontally on the upper and lower sections of the frame could not be determined. The dipoles which projected from the middle of the two ears were about 1.25 meters long and pointed in the same direction. Although there was continuous flying the radar set was not seen in operation. (3)
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4. A biplane, two single-engine, low-wing monoplanes with radial engine, and 18 jet planes with swept-back wings were parked on the landing field. (5)
5. A biplane with the white number 23 beside the Soviet star on the tail of the fuselage and red vertical stripes on the rudder assembly landed at the field about 12:50 p.m.
6. There was continuous flying. Jet fighters took off at intervals of 15 to 20 minutes, making local flights usually in elements of two but sometimes individually or in elements of four. The take-off run was only about 400 meters long but the landing run was at least 1,200 meters. (6) After rolling to a stop the jet fighters were towed back to the take-off point by a truck. A radio truck with extended antenna rod about 6 meters long, was north of the runway, about 300 meters from the western edge.

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Comments.

- (1) The fuel dump was previously reported by another source. [REDACTED] The dump has an estimated capacity of 30,000 liters.
- (2) The watch tower was previously reported by another source. [REDACTED]
- (3) The radar set was previously observed at the same site by another source. See [REDACTED]
- (4) The motor vehicle numbers belong to the fighter regiments stationed in Grossen-hain. Since no new numbers were observed the occupation of the field apparently has not changed since December 1949. See (Air) [REDACTED] 25X1A
- (5) The aircraft reported do not represent the total occupation of the field. The field is known to be occupied by two fighter regiments. It is estimated that about 60 jet planes are stationed there.
- (6) The take-off run is very short compared with other observations. According to information from other fields the take-off run is estimated at about 800 meters.

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